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PADUCAH MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTEEN AND A HALF YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE

STEVEN AUGUSTUS ENGLISH, 37, of Paducah, Kentucky, was sentenced Thursday, December 21, 2006, on one count of **CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE**. The District Court sentenced **ENGLISH** to a term of 163 months' imprisonment and five years' supervised release to follow the term of incarceration.

ENGLISH is the last of five co-conspirators to be sentenced in conjunction with a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine that involved residents of Illinois, Arizona, and Kentucky. **ENGLISH's** co-conspirators, **RANZY ROBINSON** of Grantsburg, Illinois, **KIM ROBINSON** of Grantsburg, Illinois, **SHAWN MORRISON** of Benton, Kentucky, and **MICHAEL THOMAS LEONARD** of Apache Junction, Arizona, all previously were sentenced in the Southern District of Illinois, receiving sentences ranging from 7 years 3 months to 15 years.

Law enforcement uncovered a conspiracy in which **LEONARD** sent methamphetamine by mail from Arizona to **RANZY AND KIM ROBINSON** in Grantsburg, Illinois. **ENGLISH** would then drive from Paducah, Kentucky to Grantsburg to purchase the methamphetamine from the **ROBINSONs**. **ENGLISH** would then re-sell the methamphetamine to others. After his arrest, **ENGLISH** agreed to lure one of his buyers, **MORRISON**, from Paducah, Kentucky to the state of Illinois. Upon his arrival in Illinois, **MORRISON** was found with large amounts of cash and firearm, and was arrested. From August, 2004 to December, 2004, the defendants conspired to distribute more than one and a half kilograms of methamphetamine.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Illinois State Police and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney

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